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PATENT
Docket No. GC527C2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

D. A. Estell et al.)

Group Art Unit: 1644

Serial No.: 09/677,822)

Examiner: Saunders, D.

Filed: October 2, 2000)

For: Proteins Producing an Altered)
Immunogenic Response and)
Methods of Making and)
Using the Same)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
MAILED NOVEMBER 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the present submission. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 4, while the Conclusion is on page 5.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

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